

WHAT'S GOD LIKE? GOD IS SPIRIT

**Memory verse: John 4:24 (ESV)**

'God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.'

BIG QUESTION: WHAT DO YOU THINK GOD IS MADE OF?**MAKING GOD**

When I was at college I studied pottery. It's a hard skill to grasp. First you have to stretch out the clay and work it. You then sit on the potter's wheel and slam the clay into the middle of the wheel. If it's off centre, you won't be able to shape the clay properly. You press the clay together with both hands and start to mould it, guiding the clay until it takes the right shape.

Since the beginning of time people have tried to shape what they think God looks like out of material. They've made idols out of wood, bronze, stone, and any precious material. This was a problem in the Old Testament and God told His people not to do it. The trouble is that God isn't made out of anything, so how could we possibly make an image of Him? All of those materials are created things. He isn't even made out of flesh and blood or some kind of smoke or pure energy because they are created too. It's like a pot that I'd created trying to create an image of me... it wouldn't work. The bible says that God is spirit. He isn't made out of anything because he wasn't made. You couldn't even measure Him because He's everywhere. You can't even see Him because

He's invisible. It's hard for us to get our heads around because the difference between God and us is like the difference between myself, and a pot that I'd created. God is so much greater, so much more excellent, so much bigger than we could ever imagine.

SOMETHING TO DO

As we're talking about being shaped why don't you play Rapidough. If you don't have the set you could use tubs of playdough. The idea is to be the first team to guess what shape a teammate is making. If your team is first you get to steal a bit of their playdough.



God is spirit but we were made and He continues to work on us. He's like a potter shaping us into what He wants us to look like. If we allow the potter to mould us and if we centre ourselves in Jesus, he will shape us... into something amazing. We are made to worship God. The most amazing thing is that the Holy Spirit wants to come and live within us. Paul spoke about this when he said 'Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you?' (1 Corinthians 3:16, ESV) This is how we worship in spirit because the Holy Spirit energizes and helps us to worship. Without Him we wouldn't get it, it wouldn't make any sense to us. Worshiping in truth means to celebrate Him for what He's really like. That's why we're studying what God's like, because when you truly see what He's like, then you can't help but worship Him.

SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT

- Have you been fighting God from shaping you?
- How has this series changed the way you see God?

**PRAYER**

Lord, help me to worship you in spirit and truly see what you're like, so I can worship you in truth. Amen.